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COMPUTER INTERFACE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 14, 2004 in which claims 1-17, 19-30, 37-38, and 40-42 were rejected and claims 31 and 34-36 were allowed.

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the rejections provided in the previous office action were maintained and new statements addressing Applicant's arguments were presented.

In particular, the Examiner disagreed with Applicants' assertion that none of the collections of documents in Card provide both an ordered stack of windows and a loose stack of windows. To support this position, the Examiner cited column 10, lines 54-60 of Card as showing both an ordered stack of windows which are automatically aligned and a loose stack of windows in which the alignment between the windows is set by a user. Applicants respectfully dispute that the cited section shows an ordered stack of windows and a loose stack of windows.

In the cited section, Card discusses how documents may be added to a pile. In manual creation, the piles are created by